



## Ringling in the New

Dear Readers:

Our apologies for not informing you earlier, but this the 116th edition of *Around the Ring* is to be the last.

Better things are planned. Every two weeks, from mid-October on, we will produce a newsmagazine-style, pulp-paper tabloid, which will be much larger in size and more ambitious in scope and content.

The most important change is that our circulation will jump from 1,475 to about 5,000, the new readers being UVic's students.

We plan to name the new publication "The Ring", but will consider suggestions for another name if they are submitted within the next week.

Much of what *Around the Ring* reported, such as on noteworthy research projects, personality profiles and administrative changes, will be continued. However, the emphasis will be on university-wide news and issues, and, naturally, coverage will expand to student affairs.

"The Ring" will not continue the "Faculty News" column or run items that would be of interest to only one department or discipline, but at the same time our coverage of faculty affairs and research will be stepped up. In asking departments or individuals to cease sending in items on scholarly papers, conference trips and grants, we will be relying even more on the co-operation of faculties and departments in letting us know what may be of interest to the campus community as a whole.

At times, we will invite faculty members to write articles on contemporary problems or issues. Letters to the editor are welcome and will be published, if signed, and if not libellous.

In each intervening week that "The Ring" is not published, a "Coming Events" circular will be distributed.

We aim to have our first edition in the week of October 13, and if production schedules permit, we hope for a Wednesday publication day, instead of Friday.

The first edition of *Around the Ring* came out on February 11, 1972, under Editor Maurice Cownden, Director of University Relations. It was a biweekly until January of 1974 when Catherine Campbell became editor and produced it weekly until she joined the staff of *The Victoria Times*.

It has become apparent that the *Around the Ring* format was too limited for the amount of information that could be gathered from a quickly growing university, and that many of its stories would have been of interest to students.

We're off to the drawing boards.

Bryan McGill  
Editor

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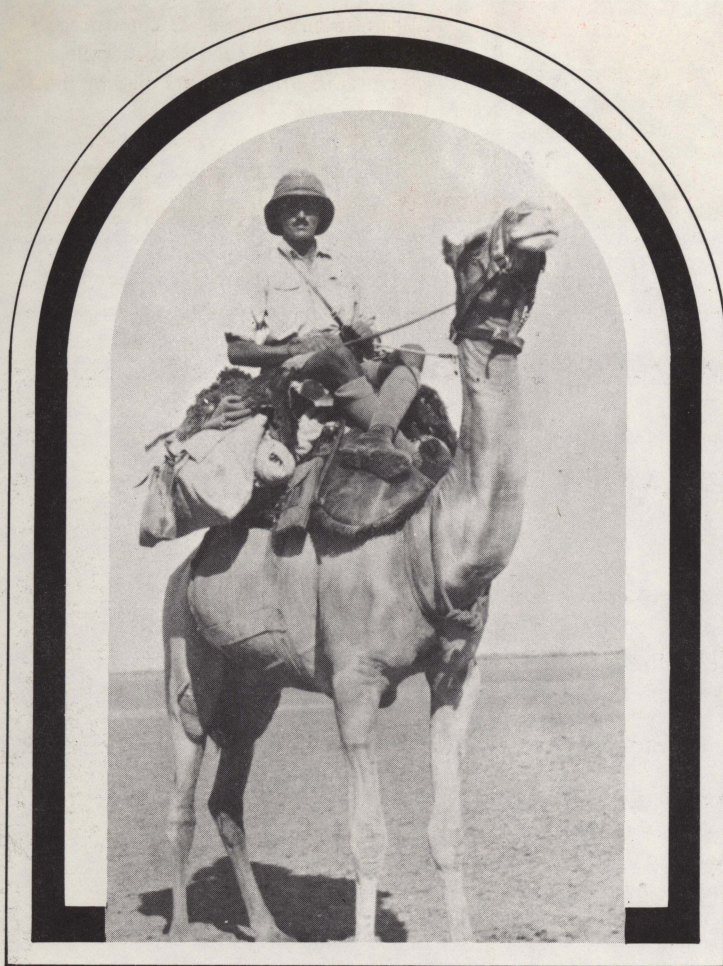
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Lieutenant Huth on a Sudanese camel in 1916.

## A CAMEL LOT A CAMEL LOT

It was somewhere east of Jordan in 1917 on a day Lieutenant Merlin Huth, 29, of the Imperial Camel Corps was the designated orderly officer in a desert outpost. The field telephone buzzed. It was Lawrence of Arabia calling.

He instructed Lieut. Huth to mark in red on a map what he Lawrence knew to be the best routes for camels or for mechanized vehicles.

This was during Lord Allenby's campaign against the Turkish, and Lawrence and his Arab fighters were providing the east flank.

That map with the red tracks on it, as well as four others of the Middle East regions of the time, have been donated to UVic's military map collection by Mr. Huth, now 87, and living with his wife in a James Bay apartment.

Mr. Huth had fought with Lawrence on several "stunts" in desert war. "He used to borrow our gang — about 300 or 400 camelmén — and take us across Jordan for some stunt he would pull off."

One time Mr. Huth was present at a talk Lawrence gave to the camel troops

on what to do and not to do in a forthcoming raid against the Turks. "He also told us not to get friendly with the Arabs. Although they loved him and he knew them, his Arabs might not like a bunch of Englishmen coming over and working with them. We didn't see much of his Arabs, although they were all over the place."

Mr. Huth recalled that Lawrence was "kind of a mystery, kind of a hush-hush. We did know something was going on east of Jordan, that he was gathering together tribes of Arabs."

The map incident was sometime after Allenby's famous march into Jerusalem at which Mr. Huth was present. Although a lot of shooting went on around Jerusalem "not one shot was fired at the city".

When Mr. Huth joined the Lord Strathcona Horse in Canada he had no idea he would spend the last few years of the Great War fighting on a camel. He started on a horse, and was wounded as a cavalry trooper in 1915 in France.

After spending a few months in hospital he joined what were called the



Dr. Roy points out the camel routes Lawrence of Arabia dictated.

Buckingham reserves and went to the Dardanelles just as the Turkish forces were handing the Allies one of the biggest defeats of the war. "Shortly after I arrived, we pulled out and went over to Egypt."

It was there the cavalry took to camels. The Imperial Camel Corps was formed under Brigadier-General Leslie Smith, V.C., and consisted of four battalions (Australian, New Zealander, South African and British) to wage a desert war against the Turks.

For a year Mr. Huth, who was in charge of a company of 31 men, patrolled the Libyan desert and fought in skirmishes.

The patrols would last five days because that is how long the Sudanese camels could go without water. "The Sudanese camel was a real desert camel. It was trained to go without water. But Egyptian camels, which were used to being near water, would die in two days out in real desert."

The Libyan desert is "as flat as this floor. It's straight gravel...and the temperature is often more than 100



degrees. In the 13 months I was on the Libyan I never saw a drop of rain."

After the Libyan experience, the Camel Corps became part of Allenby's campaign east of the Nile.

Mrs. Huth, a native of England, who emigrated to Salmon Arm in 1912, spent 40 years in Manitoba after the war in the fur-raising business. The Huths came to Victoria in 1967.

Dr. R.H. Roy, UVic's military historian, said the university now has the largest collection of original military maps west of Ottawa in its Special Collections archives.

"Not to mention Second World War maps, we have about 100 First World War maps donated by veterans."

Mr. Huth still has at least one in his possession — a map he took off a dead Turkish officer after a fight in Egypt.



Mr. Huth displays Arabic headgear he bought in Bethlehem.

## PAPER BEING WIPED OUT

D.J. Thorndick, superintendent of Janitorial Services, is urging students and staff to exercise restraint on the use of paper products in campus bathrooms.

Mr. Thorndick said that because of B.C.'s forest industry dispute paper towel supplies are running out.

He said he has a three-week supply of towels stocked up, and then it appears he will have to purchase U.S. supplies, which cost substantially more.

## STUDENTS UP 531

The increase in UVic's undergraduate student body stood at 531 over last year's total, as of the deadline for late registration last Friday, according to R.A. Shimmin, director of Registration Services.

The total number of undergraduates, full-time and part-time, was 6,939, compared to 6,408 at the same time last year.

"We seem to have fallen back more on the old pattern of increases," Mr. Shimmin said. "It is not as bad as last year."

Last year, enrolment jumped 899 students, putting a heavy strain on facilities.

Nonetheless, with no capital construction taking place in the past year for additional classroom space, the campus is definitely more jammed this year, as evidenced in the larger lineups in the cafeterias, the bookstore and the bank.

Dr. Alfred Fischer, dean of Arts and Science, said the Department of Biology is undergoing a substantial 15 per cent increase in students for a total of about 2,000 students taking courses.

Both it and the Department of Chemistry, which shows a moderate increase, are having space problems, especially in the laboratories.

Dean Fischer noted there is a mild swing back to French, a department which had been suffering some decline in recent years.

Dr. Peter Smith, dean of Fine Arts, said many students had to be turned down for course enrolment in the Department of Visual Arts. "This rather sad situation is due mainly to a lack of space and partly so to a lack of faculty."

Dean Smith said things are normal for the Music Department, "with students practising in the corridors and in the bathrooms."

The Theatre Department has had a substantial increase in enrolment, but it is able to cope with it, despite inadequate facilities, he said.

Graduate registration, which is still continuing, was 455 last Friday, and this includes 95 in the post-graduate School of Public Administration, which is going into its second year. Last year, when official figures were given in December, the graduate total was 562, with 80 being in Public Administration.

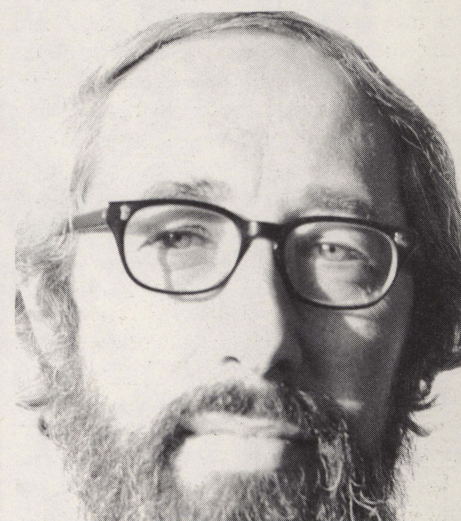
Other figures yet to be determined are the numbers in the off-campus Up-Island credit programmes and the registration in courses taught within prisons.

Meanwhile, Traffic and Security has run out of parking permits.

Superintendent Tom O'Connor said that henceforth the only way people can get permits is from others giving them up.

Mr. O'Connor is promoting a car pool system introduced this year, and he urges persons to get together in groups of three or four and apply at his office.

With the pool system, one permit will suffice for each group using it, and refunds will be given up to the end of September to all but one of each group.



DEAN PETER SMITH... jamming in bathrooms

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Dr. John Dewey (Physics), Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. S.J. Jennings, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Dr. Otfried Spreen (Psychology) have been named to Universities Council committee on research and graduate studies.

## THESIS EXAMS

Following are oral examinations to be given by members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies:

Peter James, Ph.D. candidate in Physics, on "Low Energy Large Angle Pion Production by 580 MeV Proton Bombardment of Various Nuclei" at 3:30 p.m. today, Elliott 061;

Roderick Loftus, M.A. candidate in Geography, on "An Investigation into the Public and Private Camp Ground Camper Markets in the Okanagan: Some Implications for the Provincial Parks Branch", at 10 a.m. September 26, Cornett 145;

Mrs. Doreen Kilpatrick, Ph.D. candidate in Psychology, on "The Effect of Sex of Rater in Adult Ratings of Child Behaviour", at 11 a.m. September 26, Cornett 193.



## OFFICE REORGANIZED

A major reorganization of the Records and Admissions office, under way for the last two years, is nearing completion.

Mrs. Betty Kennedy, special assistant to President Petch charged with implementing the changes, said they were made with a view to streamlining registration procedures, most notably the introduction of pre-registration next year.

The changes, announced to Senate last week by President Petch, follow the direction of recommendations made by a committee formed two years ago and consisting of Dean S.A. Jennings (Graduate Studies), Vice-President K.G. Pedersen (then Dean of Education), Dean of Administration Trevor Matthews and Registrar Ron Ferry.

"Basically, you might say, the Registrar's Office is no longer such," said Mrs. Kennedy. "It is being split into a number of functions."

Mr. Ferry, as Registrar, retains the responsibilities of being secretary to the faculties and to Senate, conducting elections and publishing UVic's calendar. He also has the added responsibility, effective this month, of being the secretary to the Board of Governors, a position held previously by J.E. Currie, assistant to the president.

Mrs. Kennedy said that Mr. Ferry, because of his increased duties as board secretary, will no longer have any responsibility for the administration of the Records and Admissions Office.

The university is seeking an administrative registrar who shall be responsible for the complete administration of the Records Office and who will report directly to the office of the President.

Up to June 30, L.T. Ghobrial was deputy registrar charged with maintaining all undergraduate and graduate records, with scheduling lecture and examination timetables and classroom utilization, and with the job of admissions.

Mr. Ghobrial, as of July 1, became director of Graduate Registration and Records, replacing Roger Napier who resigned as administrative assistant in the office of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Esme Foord, who retired in June as director of the Advising Centre, Faculty of Arts and Science, has been appointed director of Admissions, a position which has been reactivated under the reorganization of the Records Office. Her appointment will be effective until June 30, 1976, and her responsibilities will cover admission of first-time undergraduate students, advising of all first-time registrants both on campus and through educational liaison, an organized programme of team visits to senior secondary schools.

R.A. Shimmin's responsibilities have not changed but his title of administrative registrar has been so that it can be used for the person in charge of the Records Office. Mr. Shimmin's new title is director of Registration Services.

## Faculty News

### ENGLISH

Dr. Sam Macey recently visited Australia where he was invited to act as section chairman at the 13th Congress of the International Federation for Modern Languages and Literatures held at the University of Sidney.

## Coming Events

### FRIDAY, September 19

12:30 pm Music at Noon. MacLaurin 144.  
7:15 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144.  
"The Shooting" (1967) and "Ride the Whirlwind" (1967). Students—\$1.00.

### SATURDAY, September 20

7 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144.  
"Chinatown" (1974). Students — \$1.00.  
9:15 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144.  
"Chinatown" (1974). Students — \$1.00.

### TUESDAY, September 23

4:30 pm Tuesdaymusic. MacLaurin 144.  
7:30 pm Faculty and Staff Badminton. Old Gymnasium.

### WEDNESDAY, September 24

4:30 pm Poetry Reading, Department of Creative Writing. Elliott 167. Gary Geddes will read.

### FRIDAY, September 26

12:30 pm Music at Noon. MacLaurin 144.  
2:30 pm Meeting, Faculty of Education. MacLaurin 169.  
7:15 pm Cinecenta Films. Elliott 168. "The Birth of a Nation" (1914). Students—\$1.00.  
10:15 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144.  
"Milhouse — A White Comedy" (1971). Students—\$1.00.

### SATURDAY, September 27

7 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144.  
"Milhouse — A White Comedy" (1971). Students—\$1.00.  
9 pm Cinecenta Films. International Series. MacLaurin 144. "Scenes from a Marriage" (Sweden 1974). Students—\$1.25.

### SUNDAY, September 28

7:30 pm Cinecenta Films. International Series. MacLaurin 144. "Scenes from a Marriage" (Sweden 1974). Students—\$1.25.



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